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ARAB WAR ENTERS 2nd PHASE

Two More British Officers Badly Wounded

CPA Air Service To Macao

Saturday has been fixed provisionally for the inauguration of an air service between Hong Kong and Macao, the "China Mail" learned last night. Negotiations between Cathay Pacific Airways and the Macao authorities for traffic rights are expected to be concluded in a few days. Cathay Pacific Airways have been carrying out test flights almost daily during the past week. Cathay flying-boats will be operated between the two cities. The Catalinas will carry passengers and freight. Fare to Macao will cost \$30 per head.

"Police Constables" Raid Arab Bus

Jerusalem, Dec. 21.

Three Arabs were shot and killed when between 15 and 20 men, wearing the uniform of temporary Palestine police constables, attacked an Arab bus with rifle and automatic fire between Remleh and Remullah shortly after dawn today.

A British Army warrant officer was seriously wounded by an unknown gunman in King George Avenue, Jerusalem, today. Another British Army officer was also wounded by the same assailant.

Meanwhile, reports say the brewing trouble over partition is about to enter its second phase—the shifting of the battle from the cities to the countryside.

Haj Amin Hussein, Grand

Mufti of Jerusalem, reportedly has ordered fighting to be taken outside the city walls because towns could not stand the economic loss of arson and bombings and business disrupted by riots.

Dr. Yusef Heikal, Mayor of Jaffa, who called on the Mufti in Cairo for instructions, was told to pacify his people.

Key Figure

With this change the key figure in the Jaffa district reportedly will be Hassan Saleh, one of the most feared of Arab band leaders in 1936 riots between the Jews and Moslems.

Arab leaders in Jaffa refused to let Saleh leave any say in the sniper warfare that went on with Tel-Aviv but the shifting of fighting away from towns may bring him into prominence again.

Jewish officials are worried about the ascendancy of Saleh since he had a "black record" in the 1936 riots. He is also wanted by the British authorities on a charge that he was parachuted into Palestine by the Germans in 1944.

Bicycle Bandits

On the lighter side of the tense situation, the British authorities in Nablus—believed to be the headquarters of the scheduled Arab uprising—suddenly ordered all their troops to cease carrying arms. It seems that practically every Arab youth in Nablus had bought a bicycle and started riding it through the narrow cobbled streets in an amateurish fashion.

Any British soldier venturing on the streets was quickly knocked down by one of more bicycles and, in the process of being helped to his feet by friendly Arabs, his Tommy gun League's opinion of how they disappeared.—Reuter and United Press.

CHENNAULT MARRIES CHINESE NEWSWOMAN

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Maj.-Gen. Claire Chennault, retired wartime commander of the famed 14th Air Force, "Flying Tigers," and now head of CNRA Air Transport, was married today to Miss Anna Chan, according to Central News Agency.

The bride was given away by her father, Dr. Y. W. Chan, Consul Designate to Kuching, Sarawak, and former Chinese Consul in San Francisco.

She was a reporter with Central News.

The wedding took place at the general's home, Holly Health, in a suburb of Shanghai.

Col. Thomas Generay, old comrade-in-arms of Gen. Chennault, was best man.

The older sister of the bride, Miss Cynthia Chan, of Canton was the bridesmaid.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ralph Mortenson, of the China Bible House.

The bride's stepmother, who recently arrived from the United States was also present; in addition to Mr. George Yeh, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister and U.S. Vice Consul, Arthur H. Hays Sulzberger.

General Chennault arrived in China in 1937 as air adviser to the Government and organized an American volunteer group in

Soldiers Of Islam

Men Of The Transjordan Army Are Mobilised



Here are some of the troops on whom the Arabs are depending when—or if—they come to open warfare with the Jews.

They are men of King Abdullah's Transjordan Army. They are being inspected by Rida Bey Suhel, President of the Transjordan Republic.

Rida Bey Suhel is accompanied by Arab delegates from neighbour States who came to Abdullah recently to concert plans against the Jews. A Photo.

Cominform Accused Of Planning "Spring" Offensive

Paris, Dec. 21.

M. Jules Moch, new French Interior Minister, today declared that recent bloody disorders in both France and Italy were part of a "concerted offensive" by the Cominform. He predicted possibly worse Communist attacks against Western European Governments in early spring.

"It is quite clear there had been a concerted offensive on an international level against the Marshall plan," said M. Moch, referring during an exclusive interview to the bloody strikes and riots which spread over France and Italy last month.

He said: "These disorders were unleashed by the Communist parties in Europe on orders of the Cominform to break down the economy and normal life of these countries so that the Marshall Plan would be ineffective when put into operation."

"Rehearsal" "I am certain the recent troubles in France were not a trial civil war but a general rehearsal for the next time."

"The clashes were used to train militants—commandos in the north and in Marseilles."

"In a word it was a military action since the Communists had strict orders not to use arms but only stones, pieces of iron and clubs."

M. Moch, as Minister of the Interior charged with the internal security of the country, said the French Government knew of a plan the French Communists wanted to put into action in accord with the Cominform and with Italian Communists.—United Press.

Recalling Christ's sufferings, the Generalissimo said: "In China, during the past few years, we have known the dregs of the bitter cup—national sorrow."

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"Our motives have been misinterpreted. Our faults have been distorted beyond all sense of reality."

"Our Government and public servants have been held up as pillars of abuse in propaganda of those traitorous and Communist elements who seek to destroy free China."—Associated Press.

CHIANG BROADCASTS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Nanking, Dec. 21.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in a Christmas message to the nation, said "when we look at the present world situation through the lens of Christian faith, much of which is obscure and confused, becomes clearer."

"We realise even suffering has its part in the slow process of national self-realization," he added.

"In the midst of all the privations which China is suffering today, we are strengthened by the knowledge that these trials, if manfully faced, will lead to ultimate self-renewal."

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The Weather

A ridge from moderate anti-cyclone over the Gulf deserts extends southward to the Yangtze and then eastward to Japan.

Pressure is low over Manchuria and in a trough over the Red Sea.

West depression appears to be forming within this low pressure area.

Forecast: Light north or north-west winds; cloudy in early morning becoming clear by day.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 44.9 deg. Fah. Minimum: 30.9 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 3.5 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—300.4 mm. (11.8 in.).

Bar: at sea level, 1012.5 mm. (29.9 in.).

Wind: at 1000 ft., 1012.5 mm. (29.9 in.).

S'hai Protests At Newsprint Embargo Grow

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

In a statement issued last night, Mr. Lee Tse Kwan, Chairman of the Shanghai Newspaper Guild, expressed surprise over the public attacks on the Guild by the North China Daily News and Shanghai Evening Post in regard to newsprint allocation.

He repeated that the reduction in their quotas "was solely due to their increase of pages in violation of the Government decision and not due to any other motive."

Meanwhile, Mr. T. L. Tsong, publisher of the "China Press," the British and American firms in another long statement in his paper, charged that the entire matter from an "internal affair" of the Guild had been built up into a case of discrimination against the two foreign-owned dailies.

"This is absolutely false," Mr. Tsong emphatically declared. "Had any Chinese newspapers increased their number of pages after the 'freezing order,' similar action would have been taken, I believe."

Meanwhile, letters from readers urging a boycott of Chinese English-language newspapers of advertisers, appeared in the "North China Daily News" today.

One of these letters, signed "Shipper," said: "I view of the discrimination so obviously aimed at foreign-owned daily newspapers by the Newspaper Publishers Guild, I am giving instructions that my company's subscriptions to the China Press and the China Daily Tribune (both Chinese-owned English-language dailies) are not to be renewed."

"In addition, no advertising will be placed with either of these newspapers," it added.

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Bandits Set Fire To Kowloon Train

An attempt to rob a slow Canton-bound train from Kowloon was made on Friday by bandits near Canton, according to press messages from the Kwangtung capital yesterday.

While the train was travelling towards Canton, dense smoke, followed by leaping flames, in a freight car caused a panic among passengers in the adjoining carriages.

Many were seen to jump from the train and roll down the embankment. Ten were injured. The smoke prevented railway guards and gendarmes on the train from using fire extinguishers.

The engine driver's attention was attracted by firing several rifle shots.

When the train stopped, the burning carriage was unhooked and sand was thrown on it to put the fire out. It eventually burned out.

The police theory is that the bandits had planned the fire to cause the train to stop in a certain area.

They intended then to ransack it and rob the passengers.

The train, fortunately, overshot the point where the bandits were waiting.

This was due to the ineffective co-ordination between the bandits on land and the agents on board the train.

The Canton report recalled that three days previously a mysterious fire occurred on a train from Kowloon.

A statement issued by Mr. Morgan Phillips, General Secretary of the Labour Party, said:

"We can expect Communist-inspired attempts to foment discontent in the factories and workshops which may result in slowing down the production drive, on which national prosperity and recovery depends."

The statement followed reports yesterday that British Labour leaders expect a new Communist strike offensive in Western Europe before the spring.

They believe, that this time there will be a serious attempt to include Britain in its scope.—Reuter.

STALIN WAS 68 YESTERDAY—AND "ELECTED" DEPUTY

London, Dec. 21.

Moscow radio reported today that Prime Minister Stalin was unanimously elected deputy to the Moscow Soviet. Today is also Stalin's 68th birthday.

Reporting on results of balloting in five Russian republics, the radio said: "The whole procedure of voting in the 5th electoral area in the Stalin district of Moscow took only five hours."

"By 11 a.m., 100 percent of the voters had voted for Joseph Stalin,"—Associated Press.

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300 Corpses Gathered From S'hai's Sub-Zero Streets

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Since Thursday 300 corpses have been picked up off Shanghai's sub-zero streets—the majority of them children who died of exposure.

The temperatures, since the cold wave hit Shanghai three days ago, hovered between 21.7 degrees Fahrenheit and 32 degrees—a new low for December.

Weathermen, however, said today that the weather would become milder during the next few days.

At Tientsin, setting a record low for the past 10 years, the temperature dropped to 10 below zero, causing intense suffering among refugees.

With coal selling at CN\$10,000,000 a ton, nine-tenths of Chinese families are without heat.

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COLLAPSE OF CHINA IS IMMINENT

... Say H.K. Businessmen

(By Margaret R. Bowes)

China's collapse, due to inter-related economic and military troubles, is imminent and a substantial American loan is her only hope, declare several of Hong Kong's most prominent business and financial authorities.

A well-known and reliable observer, who requested that his name be withheld, said that if the Nationalist Government should collapse, it will be because of the civil war and its crippling, inflation and paralysis of trade.

Whether or not American aid would prevent such a breakdown, he said, "depends on the amount of aid proffered and on how it is given."

He remarked that US\$500,000,000 was "a lot of money," but that anything as small as US\$50,000,000 would be "merely a drop in the ocean."

As to supervision of the expenditure of such a loan, "he who pays the piper should call the tune," he declared.

Vicious Circle

Another informed source, who also asked to remain anonymous, said: "Collapse of the Chinese Government, if it came, would be the result of the military-economic chaos in China."

"These two factors can not be divorced," he said, adding: "It is a vicious circle."

"Of course, American aid would be of assistance," he declared, but he dismissed a suggested US\$50,000,000 as "nothing."

Nor would supplies alone do the trick, he added.

"What with distribution problems, government controls and squeeze, US\$500,000,000 would be mere like it," he said.

"But close supervision of the layout of such a sum would be necessary."

"If the United States does not come through, it means continued confusion and further deterioration of the situation—and eventually, a crash."

Such a crash, he stated, might be followed by a partition of China.

"The possibility that such a division might make China

virtually an international battleground, he could not see.

However, he did think that American aid to China on the grand scale might stimulate greater Russian interest in the Chinese Communists to the point where they would openly receive "arms and moral support from the Soviet."

Chinese View

A prominent Chinese financier, who also requested that his name be withheld, said:

"Naturally we should like to see peace. China has been fighting for 30 years. She is like a plant in a drought—parched—for money."

"Today the whole world depends on the United States," he declared. "It is the same as in both World Wars."

A loan of US\$50,000,000 would be "entirely too small," he commented.

He added that "when helping people, one does not count the dollars."

"Besides," he continued, "the States should be more brand-minded about this, for it is a world affair."

The question of supervision he relegated to the diplomatic department with the remark that "those things are statesmen's concerns."

Come what may—war or peace—in China or the world as a whole, this man believes in the future of his country.

"Whatever happens," he declared feelingly, "China will emerge as a nation."

General Agreement

An extensive survey by other Associated Press correspondents in China shows that people interviewed in Shanghai, Nanking and Peiping are in general agreement with the views of the Hong Kong man-in-the-street.

There was general agreement that:

(1) The Chinese Government is in danger of collapse in the very near future.

(2) The collapse will be partially due to military setbacks, but equally to economic upheaval.

(3) American aid could save China. But a mere US\$500,000,000 would do little, if any, good. A sum like US\$500,000,000 would go quite some distance toward putting China on her feet again.

(4) Supervision seems advisable to some degree from a practical viewpoint, but poses a delicate diplomatic problem.

(5) Russia might swing in openly behind the Chinese Communists in the event of substantial American support of the Nationalists. — Associated Press.

WEDDING GIFTS FOR CHARITY

London, Dec. 21.

Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip have given to charity all the cash that was sent them as wedding presents. The sum exceeds £18,000. — Associated Press.

Princess In Trouble



A Princess who was refused diplomatic privileges. Princess Ashraf Pahlavi, sister of the Shah of Persia, had been lecturing in U.S. on sociology and was refused diplomatic privileges when she arrived at London airport. She had to pay over £300 duty on other goods she had purchased in America. — AP Photo.

Readers' Letters

H.K. MINING

Sir,—About five months ago, at a lecture given by Dr. S.G. Davis of the Education Department to the Sino-British Club, on the Mineral Wealth of Hong Kong, he mentioned in reply to a question that the Hong Kong Government was tackling the problem of new laws and regulations in connection with local mining. Several months before this I had already approached Government for permission to prospect a section of the Colony in order to ascertain whether the minerals therein were of sufficient value for economic development. The answer to my request was that the matter of a general mining policy for the Colony was under consideration by the local experts. Almost a year has elapsed and still there is no word from Government as to their findings. Are we to infer from this silence that another Department of Government has taken over the Rip Van Winkle step. Those of us local people who are keen on developing the natural mining resources of the Colony feel that it is high time Government took some interest in mineral development and provided some initiative and lead.

Before the last war, as Dr. Davis pointed out, there were many companies who were mining for wolfram, iron, lead and clays—presumably with lenses over a long period of time. Even these companies are being discouraged by Govt.'s complete inertia. Much money is being lost to the Colony, in the form of revenue, which could be had if mining was allowed to begin. Can one really blame the local Chinese miners who were engaged in mining both before the war and during the Japanese occupation if through sheer necessity and exasperation they are illegally trying to make a living by working the hillsides for minerals and selling on the local Black Market?

I suggest Mr. Editor, that the local taxpayer is entitled to hear what Government is doing in this matter. There is far too much delay and autocratic shilly-shallying on the part of our Government departments. What business firm would be allowed by its shareholders to lose money and delay matters so long, in the way that Government does?

TAXPAYER.

SOCCER TRANSFERS

Sir,—I believe that one of the greatest scandals in the history of local soccer was caused last week when the Hong Kong Football Association permitted the wholesale transfer of several Kit, Chee players to Sing Tao.

Undoubtedly, the players concerned had previously donned colours for Sing Tao, but having signed up for Kit Chee and having made the position of that team in the League almost unassailable, one cannot see any reason for the transfer, except that Sing Tao would like to have the aid of these players to help them win the Shield.

As true lovers of soccer in the Colony we fed up with the manner in which football is being conducted here at present it is felt that an explanation is due from the Association as to why it permitted the transfer.

It is hoped that the President of the Hong Kong Football Association, the Hon. A. Morse, will cause an enquiry to be held into this and many other vital questions which affect football in Hong Kong.

SOCCER FAN.

GENERAL SUN ATTACKS CARSON CHANG

Mr. Carson Chang, leader of China's Democratic Socialist Party, one of the minority political groups which have joined the Central Government, was attacked in a statement yesterday by General Sun Pao-kung, Information Officer of the Reformers Group of the same Party.

Mr. Wu Ting-fa, leader of the Reformers Group, and General Sun described Mr. Carson Chang's trip to the United States as "collaborating with the Kuomintang butchers of the democratic movement in China."

The statement, which claims that two-thirds of the Democratic Socialist Party membership were opposed to Carson Chang's "sale" of the Party, said:

"Carson Chang betrayed the democratic movement in China when he participated in the Kuomintang regime for the maintenance and development of his clan and family interests. His joining the despotic government will cause the 400,000,000 Chinese to suffer and be tortured by the Kuomintang Gestapo for a long time to come."

Technique

"Carson Chang has learnt the Kuomintang technique of using refined language while performing a dirty job."

"The Kuomintang's terrorist activities against the Chinese masses have been intensified since Carson Chang double-crossed China's liberals in general and China's Democratic Socialists in particular."

"Even many of the pro-Kuomintang Americans, Professor Pfeffer for instance, have become aware and disillusioned. Such awakening on the part of United States' pro-Kuomintang leaders holds hope that China's masses may not become the cannon fodder of American runs."

"Carson Chang now goes to America as a propaganda agent of the Kuomintang which rules China by terrorism and oppression."

"The Americans should know what Carson Chang now represents: is repugnant to Americanism and liberalism."

"Chiang"

"The more money and arms given to Carson Chang's big lies in Nanking mean more suffering and torture of the Chinese people."

"Carson Chang wants to fool the people by misrepresenting to the United States public that all is well with the Kuomintang rulers."

"If the Americans listen to

Personalia

The showing of the two-hour colour film "In Occupied Japan" by Mr. William Courtenay, M.M.F.R.G.B., which was to take place in the hall of Queen's College on Monday, Dec. 22, has had to be cancelled as Mr. Courtenay is now returning from Japan direct to U.K. and not calling at Hong Kong.

At its next meeting, on Tuesday, the Rotary Club of Hong Kong will hear Rotarian C.F. Miles speak on "Random Christmas Recollections." The meeting will take place in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel 12.30 p.m.

Reminders Today

Caldbeck, MacGregor & Co. meeting of shareholders, 2, Chater Rd., 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
Shanghai Loan & Investment Co. Ltd., annual meeting, SCM Post Board Room, 11.15 a.m.
Shanghai Exploration & Development Co., Ltd., annual meeting, SCM Post Board Room, 11.30 a.m.
Shanghai Sumatra Rubber Estates Ltd., annual meeting, SCM Post Board Room, 11.45 a.m.
Presentation of Ambulance, by Lady Graham on behalf of Kowloon Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Police Headquarters Ground, Kowloon, 4 p.m.
H.K. Football Association Interport Sub-Committee meeting, 5.15 p.m.
Musical Appreciation Group meeting, Ladies Lounge, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Annual meetings of Anglo-Dutch (Java) Plantations, Ltd., Java Consolidated Rubber & Coffee Estates Ltd., Zlangbe Rubber, Ltd., at 14, St. George's Bldg., 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
Ewa Cotton Mills, Ltd., annual meeting, Jardines Board Room, 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Crack Troops Rush To Relief Of Mukden

Shanghai, Dec. 21.

Thousands of crack Suiyuanese troops of General Fo Tso-yl, recently appointed North China commander-in-chief, were today hurrying by plane, rail, truck and forced marches to Manchuria from the neighbouring province of Jehol as the Communist threat to Mukden increased.

These troops, who have yet to lose a battle against the Communists in two years of fighting in various parts of the country, are expected to be moved immediately on arrival to the outer perimeter of Mukden, which is at present held by a thin line of American equipped and trained forces.

According to the latest independent Chinese reports, the actual battle for Mukden will probably begin within 48 hours.

If the powerful Communist columns, closing in from the east, west and south, are not checked soon in their advance.

These columns are unofficially estimated to total some 300,000 men, including a considerable number of Mongolian Communist troops.

The scene of the fiercest fighting in Manchuria in the past 24 hours, however, was in the Shantung sector on the border of Jehol and Liaoning Province, about 80 miles west of Mukden, where large Nationalist and Red forces are battling for control of the vital railway between North China and Manchuria.

At the same time, a violent struggle is also reported to be going on south of Mukden at the railway junction of Tsinlihsiao, about 15 miles from the airport of Yingkow.

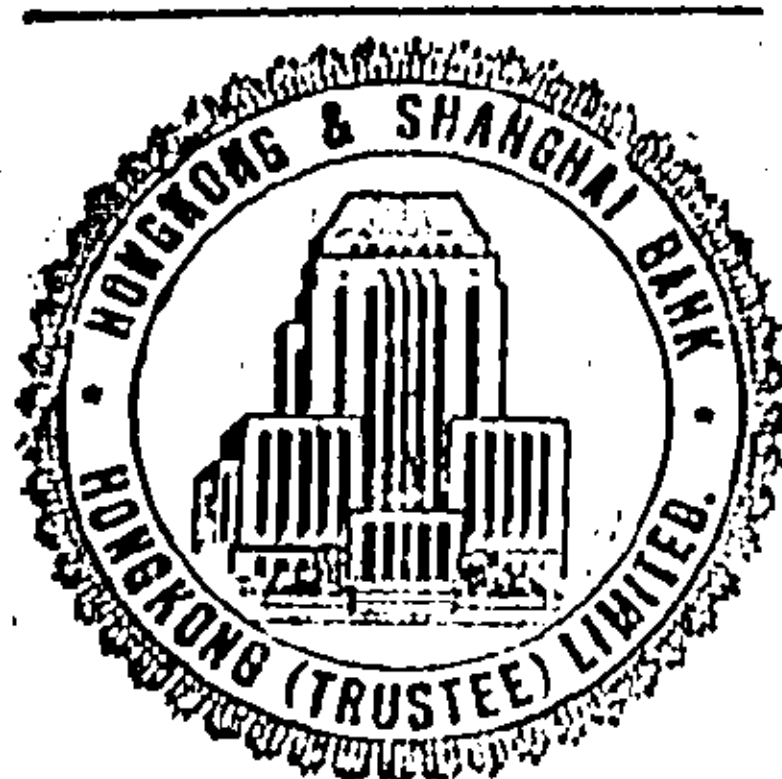
"This city is said to have changed hands three times in the past 48 hours," Reuters.

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MOSCOW SHOUTS "LIAR!"

London, Dec. 21.
Moscow radio on Sun-
day accused the United
States Government's
"Voice of America" of
lying about Russia's eco-
nomic situation.

The commentary mentioned
the "Voice of America" broad-
casting reports on the revalua-
tion of the ruble but made no
reference to the U.S. pro-
grammes report on December 3
of panic buying and bank runs
throughout Russia.

The Moscow transmitter,
which for weeks had ignored
"Voice of America" reports on
Soviet economic developments,
complained that the U.S. pro-
gramme had given a "reaction"
on Russia's December 16 re-
valuation order which was "as
far from the truth as New York
is from Moscow."

(In Washington, State Depart-
ment officials said that "Voice
of America" reports on Russian
economic manoeuvres have been
straightforward, accurate re-
ports.)

Comment

Asked if there was any de-
partment comment on the Mos-
cow radio's charge that the of-
ficial president had been lying
on the subject, officials referred
reporter to a news conference
statement by Under-Secretary
Loewell last Tuesday.

(Mr. Loewell at that time, dis-
missing other accusations by
Russia, said that in such en-
quiries hereafter, the United
States not only will report the
facts as it has done in the past,
but also point out who has been
lying.)

Moscow radio said that
"Voice" observers were sur-
prised that "inflation" which,
the Soviet theory holds, is ex-
clusively connected with the
capitalist system, had, as the
American radio station put it,
been possible in the Soviet
Union.

"If there is anything sur-
prising in this... it is indeed
the ignorance of these American
economists who still do not know
what inflation is. Although the
present state of American
economics should have helped
them to find out what it means,"
the radio added. — Associated
Press.

Well-Known China Missionary Dies

Macon (Georgia), Dec. 21.
Dr. W. B. Burke, retired Methodist minister and a
long-time China missionary, died here of a
heart attack at the age of 83. Dr. Burke, who
died unexpectedly is the father of Mr. Gordon
L. Burke, U.S. Consul of Canton.

After his return from China
in 1943, Dr. Burke became
pastor of the local Methodist
church.

Dr. Burke was widely known
throughout China, twice becom-
ing a Japanese prisoner. He
was interned during the war
and was repatriated in 1943.

As a young man he met Mr.
Charles Soule at the Vanderbilt
University and later left the
preaching career to open a
mission at Sungking near
Shanghai in 1887.

Dr. Burke became well loved
by the Chinese people for de-
fying the bandits and supporting
the interests of the Chinese
commoners.

During the internal troubles
he interceded against looting
armies and once prevented the
pillaging of Shanghai.
He retired in 1935 at the age
of 70 but returned when the
Sino-Japanese war broke out in
1937, doing relief work.

And So She Came Up To See Him



GI Kicked To Death

Vienna, Dec. 21.
The U.S. Army Provost Mar-
shall's office reported today that
a self-proclaimed Russian news
correspondent beat and kicked an
American soldier to death
inside a boarding house in Vian-
na's international zone.

The Russian, named Stephen
Irish, bit a second American
who rushed to the scene before a
four-power international patrol
arrived and arrested him.

Irish has been turned over to
the Soviet authorities. The dead
soldier died late yesterday in a
military hospital here after being
rushed to the boarding house.

The proprietor of the boarding
house, according to the report,
said Irish accosted the Ameri-
can, asked him his nationality and
then knocked him to the floor,
kicking him in the head and
body. — United Press.

MAGIC CIRCLE

The weekly meeting of the
Hong Kong Magic Circles was
held, for the first time, at the
Cosmo Club last night.
It was again attended by a
fair number of enthusiasts.

Famous actress Mae West is explaining to Director
Bill Mollison a point in her play "Diamond Lil" which has
been going to rounds in England.
Mae worked so hard on preparations for the play that
she "just had no time for fun at all."
The play had its first run at Manchester and since
has been doing the rounds with growing success.
Apparently people still want to "come up and see" Mae
sometime. — APhoto.

Marshall Reports To World On Big 4 Break-Down

Washington, Dec. 20.
The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, in
effect staked his hopes for the attainment of a
German peace settlement on the success of his
plans for the economic rehabilitation of
Europe, in his radio report to the American
people last night on the breakdown of the
Council of Foreign Ministers meeting in Lon-
don.

He also increased the stakes in
the plan, both for the United
States and the world, and chal-
lenged opponents of the scheme
within the United States.

If such opponents succeed in
blocking passage of the Marshall
Plan legislation in Congress, they
will have to take the responsibility,
not only for the economic
collapse of Europe, but for the
collapse of U.S. diplomatic efforts
to bring about a peace settlement
in Europe.

In making this point, Mr. Mar-
shall also appears to have given
up hope of being able to resume
discussion of the German ques-
tion with the Soviet Union until
the operation of the Marshall
Plan shall have demonstrated the
attainment of its objective.

He did not indicate how long
this would take.

A Balance
The period is bounded by his
phrase: "There can be no settle-
ment until the coming months de-
monstrate whether or not the
civilization of Western Europe
will prove vigorous enough to rise
above the destructive effects of
war and restore a healthy society."
The Soviet Union has re-
cognized this situation in its frank
declaration of hostility and op-

position to the European econo-
mic aid programme.
"The success of such a pro-
gramme would necessarily mean
the establishment of a balance in
which the 16 Western nations,
who have bound their hopes and
efforts together, would be re-
habilitated, strong in forms of
government which guarantee true
freedom, opportunity to the in-
dividual and protection against the
terror of governmental tyranny."

"The issue is really clear cut
and there can be no settlement
until the coming months demon-
strate whether or not the civiliza-
tion of Western Europe will prove
vigorous enough to rise above the
destructive effects of war and re-
store a healthy society."

Confident
"Officials of the Soviet Union
and leaders of Communist parties
openly predict that this restora-
tion will not take place."
"We, on the other hand, are
confident in the rehabilitation of
Western European civilization
with its freedom."

Mr. Marshall declared that "the
situation must be stabilized."
"The Western nations at the very
least must be firmly established
on the basis of government and
the freedoms that will preserve
all that has been gained in the
past centuries by these nations
and all that their cooperation pro-
mises for the future."

In speaking of the Soviet For-
eign Minister's tactics at the Lon-
don Conference of the Big Four
Foreign Ministers, Mr. Marshall
said: "It was impossible for me
to reconcile his urgent insistence
on the necessity for expediting
the preparation of the German
peace treaty with his categorical
refusal of the appointment of the
commission which the other three
delegations considered to be the
absolutely essential first step."

Repetition
Mr. Marshall recalled that M.
Molotov also found unacceptable
the contention that until German
political and economic unity was
achieved, any central government
for Germany would be a " sham
and not a reality."

The Secretary of State describ-
ed the London Conference as "the
greatest disappointment" and "but
a dreary repetition of what has
been said and resaid at the Mos-
cow Conference." — Reuter.

PLEA FOR PRAYERS FOR CHINA

Nanking, Dec. 21.
Monsignor Antony
Riberi, Apostolic Inter-
nuncio, in a letter ad-
dressed to 140 Catholic
bishops in China, asked
for special prayers for
China on Christmas Day.

He said: "By a happy coin-
cidence, at the very moment at
midnight when the Church
solemnly celebrates the anniver-
sary of the birth of Christ, a
new constitution for China shall
become effective."

"Such an event cannot be
overlooked by the Catholic peo-
ple of China."

"Since on that day a new age
will be inaugurated for the
Chinese people, it is our duty
to ask the Prince of Peace to
grant peace and prosperity to
this noble nation and to guide
it along the way to freedom and
secure well-being." — Associated
Press.

S'HA! TO ABOLISH UNREGISTERED FIRMS

Shanghai, Dec. 21.
Concrete steps for abolishing
unregistered firms in Shanghai,
believed to number several hun-
dred, were drafted at a joint
meeting of the Economic, Police,
Finance and Social Affairs
Bureaus yesterday evening.
Many unregistered firms are
suspected of engaging in black
market operations in commodi-
ties and foreign exchange —
Reuter.

Chang Is Out To Get Chiang

Shanghai, Dec. 21.
Communists North
Shensi Radio, monitored
here today, said that the
man, who 11 years ago ac-
tually seized Generalissimo
Chiang Kai-shek in the
forced Sian coup, is "deter-
mined to do it again."
He is Chang Chung-shan,
who at that time was a
captain in the forces under
the command of the "Young
Marshal," Chang Hsueh-
liang. — United Press.

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6.00 p.m.—9.30 p.m. " 15 "	6.45 p.m.—10.00 p.m.
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"That the authorised capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$1,500,000:00 divided into 150,000 shares of the whole have been issued) to \$6,000,000:00 by the creation of 450,000 additional shares of the nominal value of \$10:00 each and that such additional shares as aforesaid shall be issued at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors in their absolute discretion shall think fit."

NOTICE is also given that if the above Resolution is duly passed it is the intention of the Directors not to transfer any Shares of the Company for a period of two weeks from the 15th day of January 1948 to the 28th day of January 1948 inclusive. The Directors will offer to the persons appearing on the 14th January 1948 in the Register containing particulars of shareholders and of persons who in the opinion of the Company would be on that date entitled to be entered in the Register of members (when re-constructed) as Shareholders one hundred and fifty thousand shares of the Company of the nominal value of \$10:00 each created in accordance with the above Resolution all at a premium of \$10:00 per share and on the footing that the full nominal value of each share taken up plus the premium (making together \$20:00 per share) shall be paid in full on acceptance of the offer and in any case not later than the 30th April 1948 and so that each such person as aforesaid or his approved nominee shall be entitled to apply for and take up one new share for every one issued share which according to such register as aforesaid is held by each such person on the 14th January 1948. The shares so offered shall rank for dividend as from the 1st day of May 1948.

The Director will dispose of any share offered as aforesaid in the event of non acceptance by payment therefor by such persons as aforesaid or their approved nominees on or before the 30th day of April 1948 at such time or times and upon such terms and conditions as they may decide.

It is most important that any persons who have purchased shares in the Company but whose names do not appear in such register as aforesaid in respect thereof should, if they wish to take advantage of the offer, present their transfers for registration accompanied by the requisite share certificates on or before the 14th day of January 1948.

The offer will be made by Notice sent by Post to each such person as aforesaid specifying the number of shares to which each such person is entitled and such offer, if not accepted either on behalf of such person or his nominee on or before the 30th day of April 1948, will be deemed to be declined.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Nineteenth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of China Underwriters Limited, will be held at the Office of the Company, 4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 30th day of December, 1947, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1946 and of electing Directors and Auditors.

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HERBERT R. STURT, Managing Director, Hong Kong, 20th Dec., 1947

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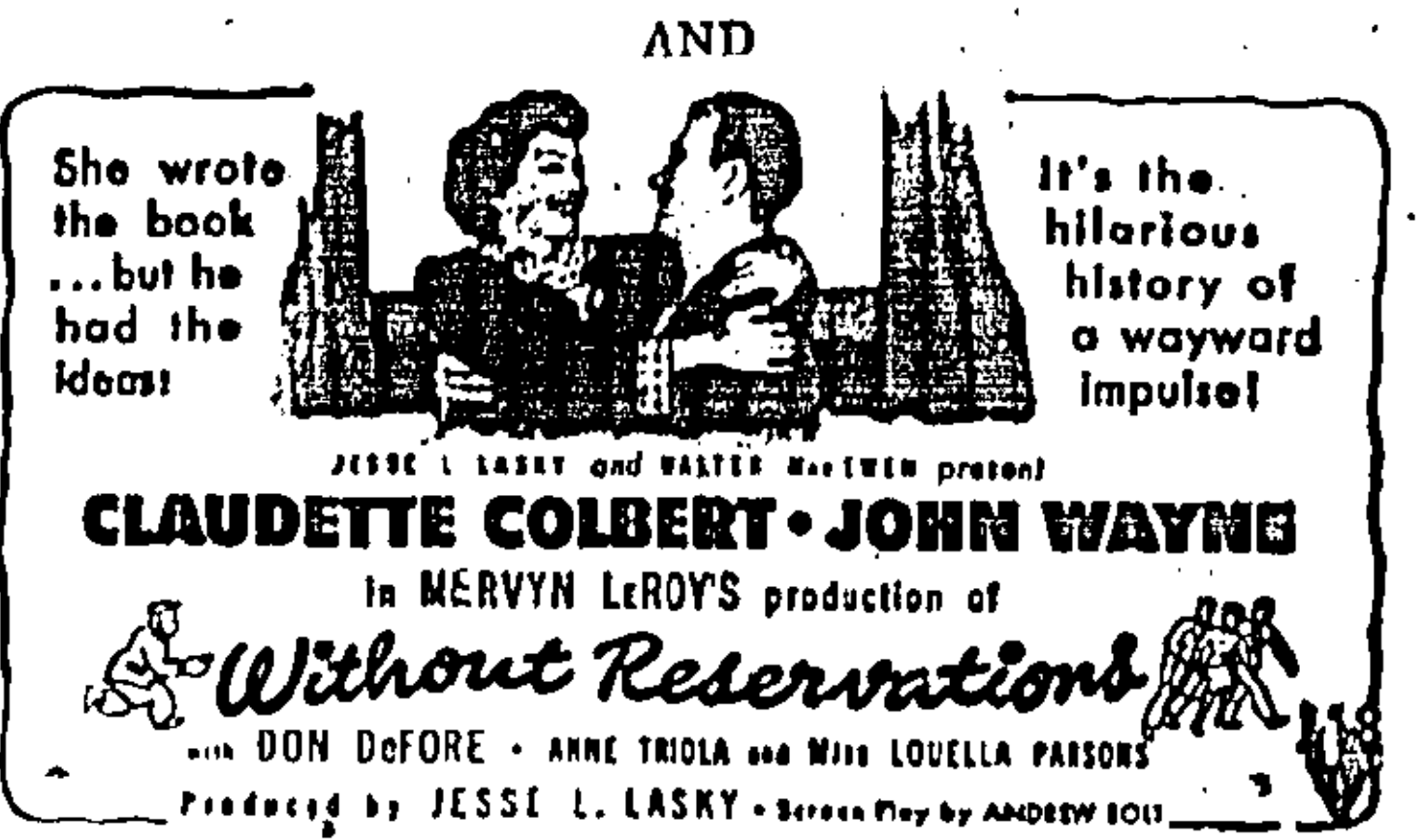
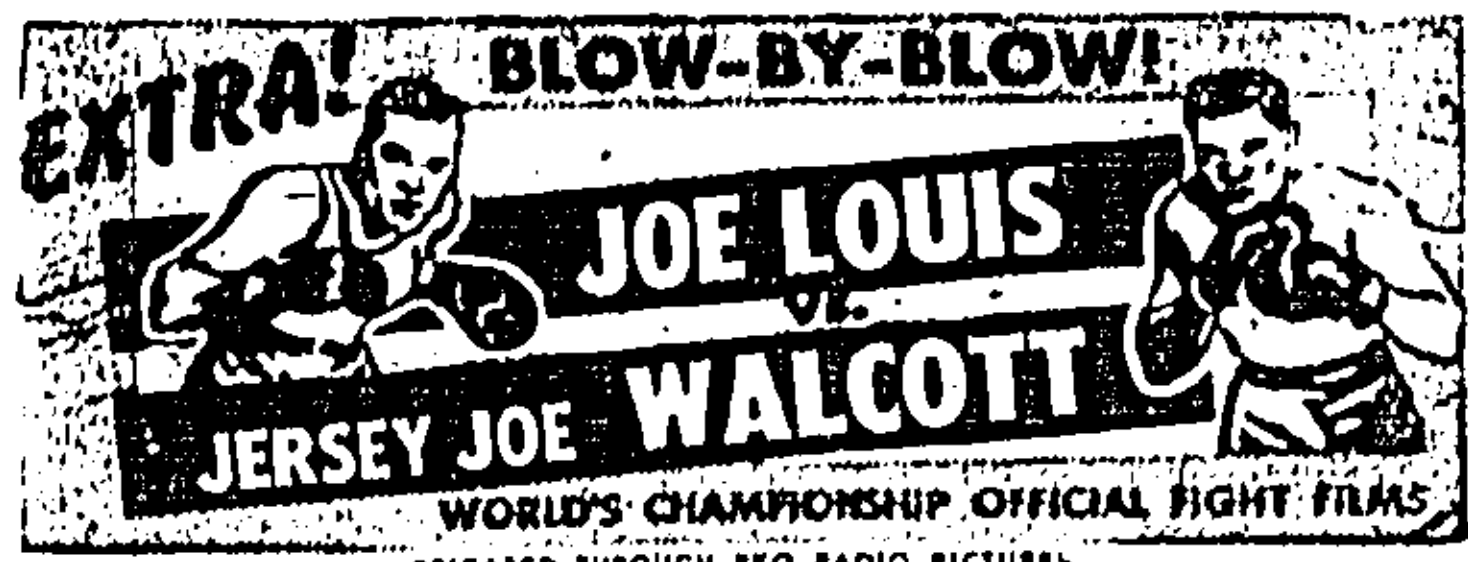
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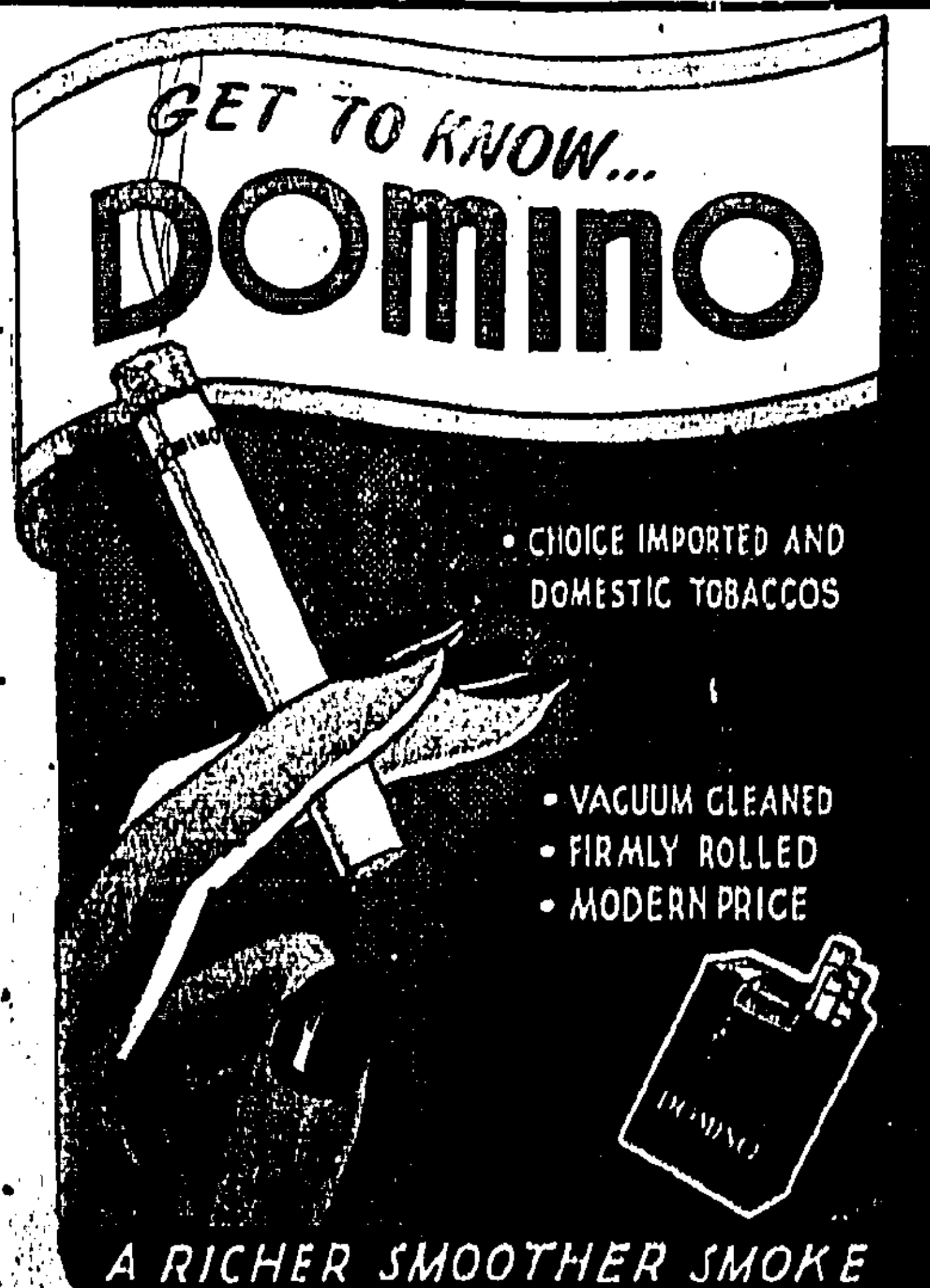
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Advance Of Police State In Europe

Manifesto Issued In London

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The group, declaring that the "strength of Communism in the world today is far greater than the strength of Fascism ever was" alleged that all attempts to control atomic energy have been frustrated by the intransigence of the Soviet Union.

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The station building and six houses were completely destroyed, and 10 more houses were so badly damaged that they will probably have to be pulled down. Nine houses suffered minor damage.—Reuter.

Scottish Miners In Lead

LONDON, DEC. 21. EASILY BEATING THEIR COMPETITION TARGET OF 143,000 TONS IN THE WEEK ENDED DEC. 6, SCOTTISH MINERS KEPT THEIR LEAD IN THE OUTPUT CONTEST FOR THE MITCHELL LEDGES TROPHY. THE COAL BOARD ANNOUNCED.

Their total score is now 424 points.

South Wales miners, again second, were the highest scorers for the week, making 99 points by raising 503,200 tons above their target. They now have 207 points.

There is an 80-point gap between Wales and the Northern Division (Northumberland, Cumberland and Durham), who are still third with 327 points.

The East Midland Division, with 223 points, have lost fourth place to Kent, who have 239 points.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL NEWS BOYCOTTED

Rangoon, Dec. 21. Burmese publishers and newsmen have agreed to boycott all Government news releases and ignore news of Government activities until the Burma Press Emergency Act is repealed.

Under the Press Act the Government is empowered to suspend any newspaper whose policy is considered prejudicial to Government interests.

The Government announced on Friday its intention of enforcing the Act for a period of six months after Burma achieves independence from Britain in January.—Associated Press.

'SHOCKING' U.S. PLANS FOR JAPAN

Washington, Dec. 21. Senator William Knowland, Republican of California, demanded in the Senate today a "full scale investigation" of American intentions in Japan. He said he had obtained a confidential document indicating the plans were "shocking."

Senator Knowland said the plans for the American representatives on the Far Eastern Commission were set up by the United States, Soviet Russia and other wartime allies to control Japan and other occupied areas in the Far East.

These plans, he said, dealt with American proposals for breaking up Japanese industries and business concerns.

He alleged they were "contrary to American standards of decency and fair play, and are not in conformity with our own political, moral and economic standards."

"It was unbelievable to me that such a document could be put forward as representing the policy of the Government of which I am a part."

He told the Senate that the plans are to be introduced one of the proposals as the "most socialist ever attempted outside of Russia."—Reuter.

FIGHT IN A SNOWSTORM

Athens, Dec. 21. Salonika press dispatches today said that troops and guerrillas fought a skirmish in a snowstorm and bitter cold on Parangon mountain near Drama along the fortified line built under the Metaxas dictatorship.

The troops made a surprise attack and the guerrillas retreated, reportedly leaving at least 16 dead. The reports added that 19 guerrillas surrendered in Drama during the past week.—United Press.

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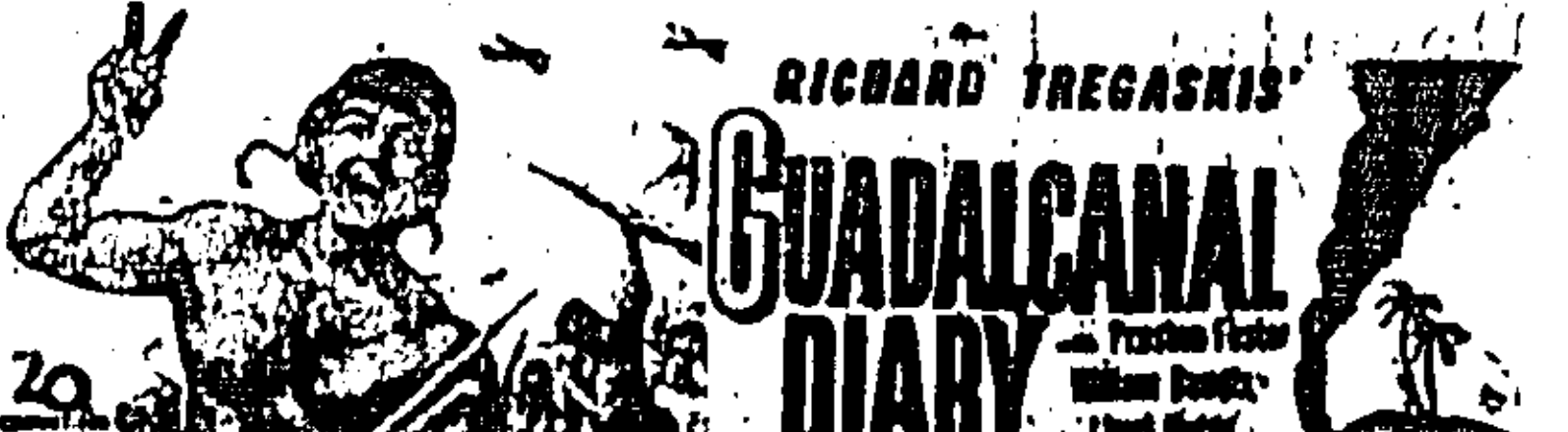
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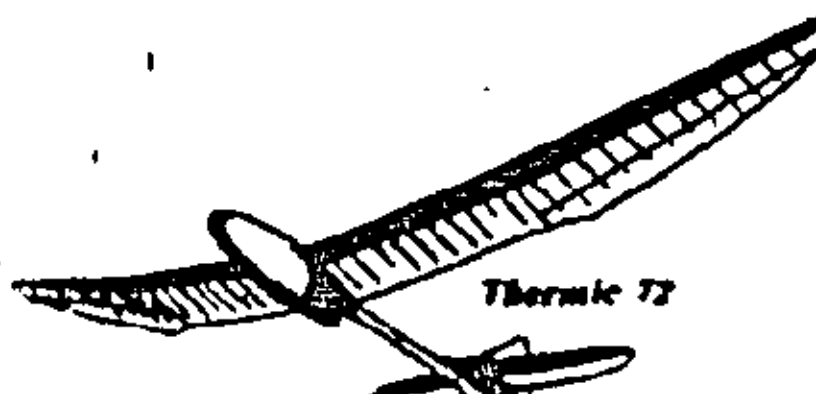
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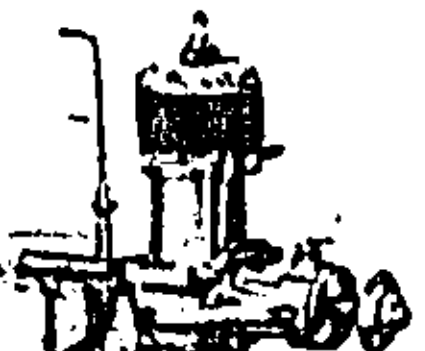
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BACK TO REASON

Every friend of France—indeed every well-wisher of Europe—will take heart from the final collapse of the political strikes organised under Communist pressure by the C.G.T., the French Trades Union Congress. Losses in production caused by the strikes, particularly in the coal-fields, were grave, nor can they be remedied. The grant of a cost-of-living bonus by the Government, however essential for the workmen, is a fresh obstacle to attempts to prevent inflation. But these adverse economic developments are inevitable and, serious as they may be, their political and social consequences count for less than the bare fact of the Government's victory. For the series of disputes in which the Schuman Government has been involved, ever since it was formed, was openly led by the French Communist party, whose members dominate both the C.G.T. as an organisation and the bulk of its individual unions. It is largely on nationalised industries that the strikes were focused, and the humiliation of a non-Communist Cabinet has been as frankly the aim of M. Benoit Frachon, the Communist strike leader, as of his party snookmen brawling in the Chamber.

There is, of course, a vast and understandable discontent among French industrial and Government employees at the failure of wages to keep in gear with constantly mounting food prices. But it is just because this industrial discontent has been obviously manipulated for political ends that so large a proportion of French trade unionists desired not to strike. Had the dispute really been an industrial one, there would have been no need for the strike-leaders to use sabotage, intimidation and insurrectionary tactics to prevent trade unionists from working. The numerical strength of the Communist element varies from one French union to another, but it is not usually put to test, owing to the refusal of Communist "bosses" in the unions to hold a secret ballot before striking. Regulation on this matter and others to preserve freedom to work, no less than freedom to strike, has been passed. Once it was seen that the Government was firm to protect men who wished to work against the Communists' "strong-arm men," the strike began to peter out; M. Benoit Frachon was actually forced by fresh provincial defiance of his authority to accept from the Government, precisely the same terms as he had refused the night before.

Major result of the strike has been the breakaway of M. Loe Jouhaux and the more responsible non-Communist elements in the C.G.T., which has been split on lines which have been appearing in recent weeks. Closer relations have been created between those unionists who follow M. Jouhaux and those associated with the Catholic trade unions already separated from the C.G.T. Certainly the Communists have lost influence no less signally among the industrial masses than among the rural workers or the middle classes.

Revelation of the preparedness of Soviet subjects and Soviet arms dumps in France to assist insurrection has helped destroy the fiction that the Communist party is to be regarded as something other than a foreign agency for revolution, and it is significant that the Soviet Government have shown a blustering sensitivity to the exposure. This latest battle of France has been won. It is a victory for Europe over Muscovite chaos. The credit for its winning goes not only to M. Schuman and his Cabinet (particularly M. Moch his courageous Minister of the Interior) but to all those decent, hardy French workmen who have had the courage to defy Communist incitements and to return to work.

Waging War With Propaganda

Propaganda in modern war can be used in many ways and can often be as valuable as men, aircraft and ships; it can be used to hoodwink the enemy, to boost the morale of a nation or to lower the morale of an uplifted people. Three examples of its tactical, strategic and unscrupulous use are given in "Fuehrer Conferences on Naval Affairs 1939," one of a series of abstracts issued by Britain's Admiralty of secret German Naval archives captured during World War II at Tannbach, Germany.

In spite of all the precautions of the German Naval Staff to maintain at least the appearance of adhering to the Hague convention the passenger liner S.S. Athenia was torpedoed without warning on the night of September 3, 1939—a few hours after Europe had been plunged into war. Unescorted she was attacked about 200 miles west of the Hebrides while on passage from Liverpool to Montreal. A hundred people lost their lives but the toll might have been far worse had not two British warships, Elgers and Exeter, a Norwegian steamer, S.S. Knapp Nelson, and the yacht, S.S. Southern Cross, heard her S.O.S. and raced to the scene where they picked up 1,300 survivors.

At first the German Naval Staff did not believe the reports of the sinking. At that time U-boats maintained radio silence and there was no immediate means of checking what had happened. Orders to submarine commanders had been quite clear and it was thought that such a breach of discipline was impossible. Doenitz and his staff, however, were less certain and thought that a U-boat might, after all have been responsible. The matter was reported to Hitler, who, on the advice of the Naval Staff, decided to deny German responsibility, and instead accused Winston Churchill, then First Lord of the Admiralty of attempting to engineer atrocity stories against Germany. The Goebbels propaganda machine went into action and even as late as 1944 "Lord Haw-Haw" was describing Churchill as the "foul sinner of the defenceless Athenia." Eventually the submarine U-30 returned to harbour and it was found that her commander Lieutenant Lemp had disobeyed orders. He pleaded that he was over-excited by the sudden declaration of war—he had opened his sealed orders only a few hours before the torpedoing and it was his first act of war. He was severely reprimanded and he and his ship's company were ordered to observe the strictest secrecy. Very few officers

were informed of the truth and even the Naval Staff were kept in ignorance for some time after the event. On May 9, 1941, Lemp, commanding the submarine U-110, lost his life when his ship was sunk. But the allegation that the atrocity was a "guiltless" "Haw-Haw" again, a "churchillian machine" lived on—thanks to unscrupulous propaganda. The manner in which propaganda, good or bad sticks give food for thought to those engaged in it. A good example of this is seen in the fact that U-boat prisoners taken aboard British ships after their submarines had been sunk almost invariably told their captors that they had been misled by the Goebbels lie that the British always cut off the right hands of their prisoners!

On December 13, 1939, the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee was sighted in the South Atlantic and attacked by three British cruisers Ajax, Achilles and Exeter under the command of Rear-Admiral Harwood. She had by that

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time sunk nine merchant ships totalling 50,000 tons. Her skipper, Captain Hans Langsdorff, in view of the damage to his ship fled to Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, where he hoped to effect temporary repairs and break through once more into the North Atlantic and so get back to Germany. She reached Montevideo on the evening of December 13 and there followed a prolonged diplomatic argument as to whether the ship would be allowed to remain in port beyond the legal 72 hours. Now the British skillful propaganda came into play. The ship was filled with signals and in ciphers that could be "unpacked" by the Germans, with the hoped-for result that the impression was created in the minds of Langsdorff and, undoubtedly, the German Naval Staff that there was a large fleet in the neighbourhood of the La Plata estuary waiting the annihilate the Graf Spee. The famous aircraft carrier Ark Royal (remember the German propaganda cry: "Where is the Ark Royal?") and the battle cruiser Renown were reported to be at Rio de Janeiro, when actually they were many thousands of miles away. The cruiser force had, in fact, been reinforced by only one more ship, another cruiser, H.M.S. Cumberland. Proof that Langsdorff fell into the propaganda trap is seen in his telegram sent to his Commander-in-Chief on December 16:—"Strategic position of Montevideo: Besides the cruisers and destroyers, Ark Royal and Renown, close blockade at night. Escape into open sea and break through to home waters hopeless."

As all the world now knows the Graf Spee watched by vast crowds of sight-seers and correspondents from the world press in ships and aircraft was scuttled and blown up by her own crew at the mouth of the river before the British ships cleared for action, could engage her. Three days later, on December 20, Langsdorff wrote a letter to the German ambassador for transmission to Hitler and then blew his brains out. Good propaganda had triumphed—only three cruisers awaited him he might have made an attempt and, who knew, got away with it—as he wrote in his "suicide letter":—"Sooner than expose my ship to the danger that after a brave fight she would fall partly or completely into enemy hands, I have decided not to fight but to destroy the equipment and then scuttle the ship.... I can now prove by my death that the Fighting Services of the Third Reich are ready to die for the honour of the flag." That begs the question:—Did it prove it? were they ready?

Nationalist propaganda had by this time had an extraordinary effect on the German mind and in October Hitler was worried by the operations in the South Atlantic of the pocket battleship Deutschland, sister ship of the ill-fated Graf Spee. Although in nine days she had sunk three British merchant ships, the Fuehrer feared

that because of her name "Deutschland" her loss would have serious repercussions in Germany and it was decided that she should be brought back and renamed Luetzow. Such is the German propaganda-fed mind. At Grand-Admiral Raeder's remarks in his notes of the conference between him and Hitler in Berlin on November 1, 1939: "The Fuehrer has repeatedly emphasised the fact that the Deutschland should be recalled because of her name!" Bad propaganda can be a boomerang apparently. At the end of December and of the first four months of the war the German Naval Staff tried their hand at propaganda and drew up a proclamation which was desired Hitler to issue. It was in fact never made and this is the first time that it has ever seen the light of day. The wording reveals how they, too, had fallen under the spell of Goebbels for the following excerpts read like the fulminations of the club-footed little doctor:—"England is our deadly enemy. Her object is the destruction of the German Reich and the German people. Her methods are not open warfare but vile and brutal starvation, in fact extermination of the weak and defenceless, not only in Germany but in the whole of Europe. History proves this."

And a further extract:—"We Germans will not allow ourselves to be starved out nor will we capitulate. Returning like for like, we will make Britain herself feel what it means to be besieged, in order to free the world once and for all from the base and insufferable tyranny of the British."

The point behind this unpublished proclamation lies, like the sting of a wasp—in its tail—"Any ship or aircraft in the combat area around Britain and France, regardless of its flag, fully exposes itself to the danger of warfare." From then on the German Navy did not need propaganda for their U-boat campaign—they just sank all and sundry without warning while the propaganda machine turned to other fields of what Goebbels described as "high endeavour," fields in which the propagandists themselves were to stand five year later, discredited in the eyes of their own people and the entire world.

Christmas Will Cost More

SAYS RUTH CONSTAD

It's going to cost at least 18 percent more to say Merry Christmas this year in the United States, according to Labour Department statistics.

But if Santa's sackful of surprises comes higher-priced at least it will contain a wider selection of items.

Toys will cost 10 percent more, but steel, plastic and aluminium, unobtainable during the war years, are being used plentifully now in toy manufacture.

Kiddies, providing papa can pay, will have bigger and better trains, atomic fission pistols and Dyde dolls.

Lingerie, usually favoured by the men as gifts for the ladies, has also taken at least a 10 percent increase, but here again supplies are larger than last Christmas.

Luxurious black underwear is on the counters again, and imported lace is being used to dress up milady's nightgowns, slips and panties. Pure silk and satin—at a very pretty price—is also plentiful in the selection of women's undies.

The cost of nylon hosiery took a slight drop over the past year but manufacturers are expecting an increase in price and a shortage of supply.

Stockings for presents come in rainbow colours from deep purple to dusky pink. Costume jewellery has jumped about 15 percent, and silver cigarette cases for men and compact for ladies have taken an even steeper rise. But there are more shapes and styles in the showcases.

Long, wafer-thin sterling silver cigarette cases, hand-somely engine-turned, are expected to be a big seller as personally engraved gifts. So are women's silver compacts and small handbag appointments, in both silver and gold.

For the budgeted majority who are paying more for basic cost-of-living items and less for presents this year, shoppers suggest scarves, stationery, perfume, portrait pictures, and handkerchiefs.

And all agree that it will be the early shoppers who are going to catch the best of the Christmas supply. —United Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turnor



... and I hereby bequeath to cousin Claude... here's where I pause to put on the boxing glove!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY
"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

TEMPT HIS TENDENCY

Knowing your opponents' tendencies can be worth a lot of points to you. Bidding or playing may be employed in such a way as to tempt one of them to do something for which he has a great liking. We all know players, for instance, who dote on leads of short suits against No Trump game contracts, with the idea that thereby they may hit their partners' long suits. When a chap with that penchant is in the leader's position, it is sometimes wise to conceal a long, with the hope that the opponent will be trapped into opening it.

S 10 8 5
H 10
D A K 10 6 3
C 8 6 3 2

SJ93 H9365 2 D95 C1074

SQ642 HAK7 2742 CK95

W E S

South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass

3 NT

North would never have considered bidding 2-No Trumps on his hand except for the fact that he knew West as a fellow who overdoes the idea of making short-suit leads against No Trumps. With the average player seated in the West, North would have bid 2-Diamonds, since his side was not committed to overly strong opening No Trump bids and he therefore was slightly under the strength necessary for a sound rise. He reckoned, howsoever, that if he bid 2-No Trumps there was

a good chance to get a short-suit diamond lead out of West, whereas a 2-Diamond bid would head it off.

If North had bid 2-Diamonds, South had enough surplus strength to call 2-No Trumps, despite the show of weakness, whereupon North would have gone game in No Trumps. And it would have been set because West then would have led his fourth best heart, a suit which would have produced five rapid tricks for the defense.

But with diamonds concealed West sure enough led his short suit, the diamond 9. Seeing that the club finesse had to work to produce nine tricks, South took the diamond lead in the dummy, playing the J himself; then won the club finesse, went to dummy again with the diamond Q to the K, finessed the club J, scored the club A, led to the dummy's diamond 10 and thus scored five tricks in diamonds, four in clubs and two spades to get a couple of tricks above his game.

Tomorrow's Problem

S J 10 8 5
H K Q 9 2
D 8 3
C 6 4 2

S9632 H A 7 4 D 9 7 4 2 C 9 8

W E S

SA W H 10 8 6 D Q 5 CA K Q 8 7 5

South East-West

(Dealer: vulnerable.)

If you were shooting for a top in a pair, duplicate, how would you bid South's hand?

LANE NORCOTT

"The treacle-drawers aren't drawing half enough treacle," announced the Minister for Treacle Planning, gloomily. "They're still nine million tons short of the target. We must nationalise the treacle wells immediately and then they will pull up the buckets twice as fast, because they will be working for themselves."

So the treacle wells were nationalised the very next day, but the result was not a great success. The treacle output obstinately remained at nine million tons short of the target.

"Maybe the treacle-drawers feel just a little downhearted socially," said the puzzled minister for Treacle Planning. "Let's nationalise the public schools and universities and give scholarships to everybody. Then we shall all be absolutely equal and

Franciscans On Trial

Belgrade, Dec. 21. An official announcement said today that five Franciscan monks will be tried on charges of organising an espionage service, operating an illicit radio, and furnishing secret information on military, political, and economic matters to "a foreign power."

The monks are from the towns of Pola, Rovigno and Plesno, all in the Istrian Peninsula. The towns were formerly Italian but recently incorporated into Yugoslavia.

They were arrested soon after the Yugoslavs took over Pola.—Associated Press.

the treacle-drawers will gladly draw plenty of treacle for their brothers and comrades."

This was promptly done, and the House of Lords was abolished for good measure, but still the treacle output remained at nine million tons short of the target.

"These treacle-drawers completely 'wildered me,' said the Minister for Treacle Planning, despairingly. "We've given them flags, and emblems, and Rallying Shouts, and marching orders, and more money, and more money, and more money, but nothing seems to satisfy them."

At this point the door of the Cabinet Room burst open and a little common man in a bowler hat entered.

"Listen, chums!" he said. "You've got it all wrong! These treacle-drawers are human, see, like me. They don't worry their heads about the sort of things you fidget about. What they want is something nice and flashy to spend their money on—something that will delight the old woman and keep her quiet for a bit."

"Such as?" asked the Minister for Treacle Planning.

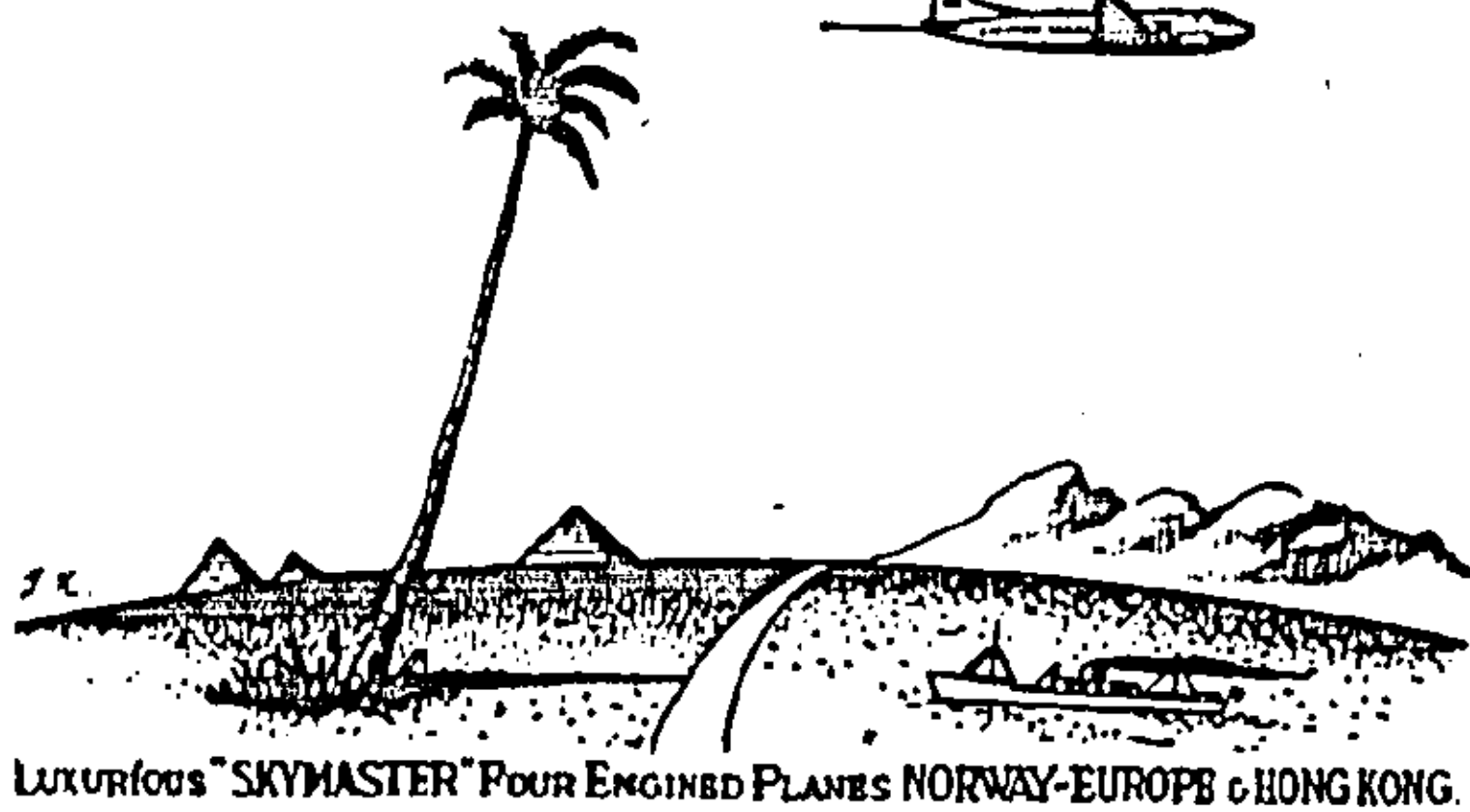
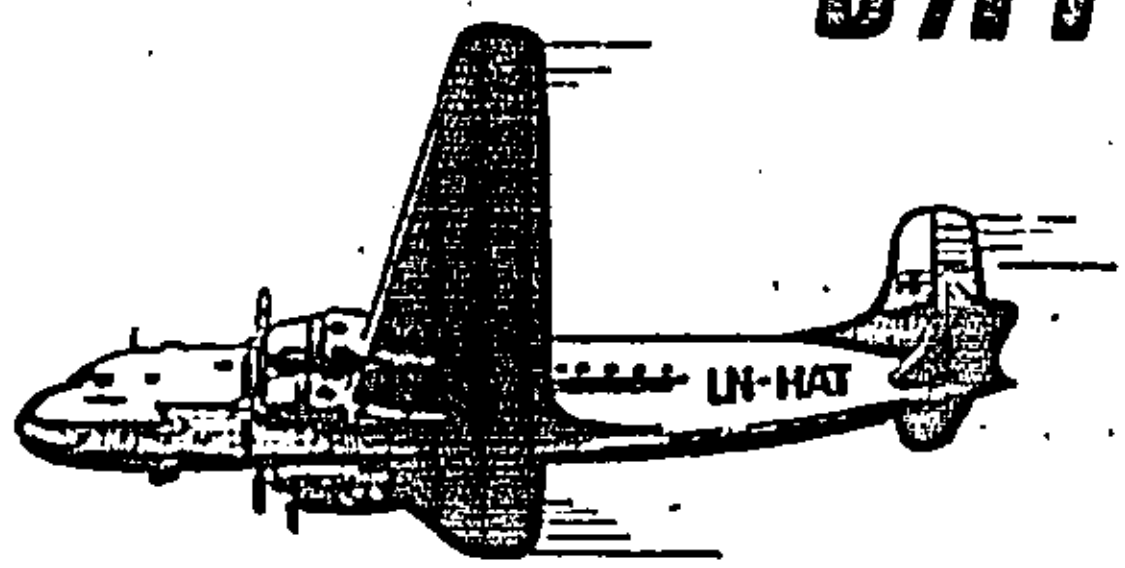
"Such as a bigger Mrs. Jocer in a better pet than Mrs. Jocer has ever the way," retorted the little man.

"You surprise me," said the Minister for Treacle Planning, who was always very surprised when anyone told him about the workings of human nature.

So the very next week, believe it or not, the shops were full of whacking great lapidaries in brightly coloured pots, and for the first time for years and years, the treacle output beat the target.

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ARABS' PALESTINE STRATEGY

Guerilla Bands "To Create Havoc"

Vulnerability Of Jewish Villages

Cairo, Dec. 21.
The Arab states are reported to have planned to aid the volunteer guerilla bands upon which many Arabs rely to create such havoc in Palestine that the U.N.O. will back down on partition.

The volunteer bands will be composed mainly of Palestinians, but under the reported plan the Arab Governments would permit volunteers to join them freely and would help them get arms and equipment.

Between attacks on Jewish settlements and convoys, the guerillas may be expected to pull back into neighbouring Syria for rest and refitting.
Regular Arab armies, by the plan, will continue to guard the borders of the Holy Land pending the British withdrawal of troops. About that time, another meeting of Arab representatives from Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Trans-Jordan and Yemen probably will be held to decide what to do next.

The major question concerning the Arabs is the strength of the guerilla bands and the ability of the Hagannah, Jewish defence army, to protect the Jewish settlements and food supplies against Arab attacks.
Bloodshed
The Hagannah is far better organized and equipped than were the Zionists during the Arab revolt of 1936-39. It seems certain that there will be much more bloodshed on each side. Thousands fell in the Arab revolt.
The great number of Jewish settlements in the Holy Land tends to disperse the Hagannah, in defiance of the military rule to concentrate forces. Many of the settlements, however, are well fortified and strategically placed for defence.
Jewish settlements in the proposed new Arab state area present a special problem. Should the regular Arab armies move into this area after the British pull out, Hagannah, or the Jewish state, may be forced to decide whether to send Jewish forces in to protect the settlement.
If a great deal of blood is shed in the coming months, the problems undoubtedly will come before the United Nations again. There is widespread speculation among Arabs as to whether American volunteers would be permitted to police Palestine.

ARMS FOR CHINA

Halifax, Dec. 21.
The Halifax Chronicle said today that more than 600 tons of small arms ammunition and six fighter planes destined for China will be loaded on board the freighter Islandia at Halifax within a few days.
The newspaper said the shipment is part of a deal between the Governments of Canada and China for the sale of surplus Canadian war equipment.—Associated Press.

West Java Cabinet Decision

BATAVIA, DEC. 21.
A CONFERENCE OF INDONESIANS FROM WEST JAVA TODAY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION TO FORM A PROVISIONAL WEST JAVA GOVERNMENT ACCORDING TO A DUTCH REPORT FROM BANDOENG.

The conference asked the Central Netherlands East Indies Government in Batavia to turn over the rights of authority to the Provisional Government as soon as possible, the report said.
Details of the Government's status would be completed at another conference to be held soon.

The resolution was adopted after a four-day debate during which proposals were discussed to delay action until the cease fire negotiations between the Republicans and the Dutch Committee were completed, or alternatively, to hold a plebiscite among West Java's 12,000,000 population.

If the East Indies Government accepts the conference resolution, West Java, which was part of Republican territory until the Dutch "police action," is expected to become a separate state in the "United States of Indonesia" which the Dutch have said will be set up.—Reuter.

OFFENSIVE IN KASHMIR

New Delhi, Dec. 21.
Indian troops in Kashmir State have started an offensive against tribal raiders from Pakistan holding Manawar, a Defence Ministry communiqué said tonight.

The area is west of the State's winter capital city of Jammu and within a mile of the Pakistan frontier.—Associated Press



(Left to right) Sheikh Ibrahim El Fadly, Saudi Arabian minister in Cairo; Sayed Ali Al Mueed of Yemen (in white turban), Emil Mardam Bey, Syrian Premier and, extreme right, Abdel Rahman Aslam Faika, Secretary-General of the Arab League—seen at Almasa airport, Cairo, following arrival of Mardam Bey from Damascus to attend the Arab League conference on Palestine at Cairo. (Aphoto)

Defence Winds Up In U Saw Trial

Rangoon, Dec. 21.
Mr. Derek Curtis Bennett, K.C. told the Burmese assassination tribunal today that the evidence marshalled before it had smashed the prosecution's case against the pre-war Premier, U Saw.

Winding up the case for U Saw, who is charged with abetment in the murder of the Prime Minister, Aung San, and other Burmese Ministers and conspiracy to liquidate the Government, Mr. Curtis Bennett declared, "My case is that U Saw is not guilty, that he did not even know the assassinations were going to take place. He cannot be hanged on the evidence brought against him by a set of written confessions."

Mr. Curtis Bennett, who flew to Rangoon from London earlier this month to defend U Saw, reminded the tribunal of the "enormous responsibility" he was handing over to them.

Within a few days, he said, power would be passing into Burmese hands which meant U Saw would lose the British right of an appeal to the Privy Council—if there was to be an appeal.

"With due respect to the law as it would be administered in Free Burma after the change of power," he said, "there would be only one court (Rangoon High Court) where the case could go to in the event of a verdict of 'guilty' brought against U Saw."—Reuter.

8 Dead When Swiss Ammo. Depot Explodes

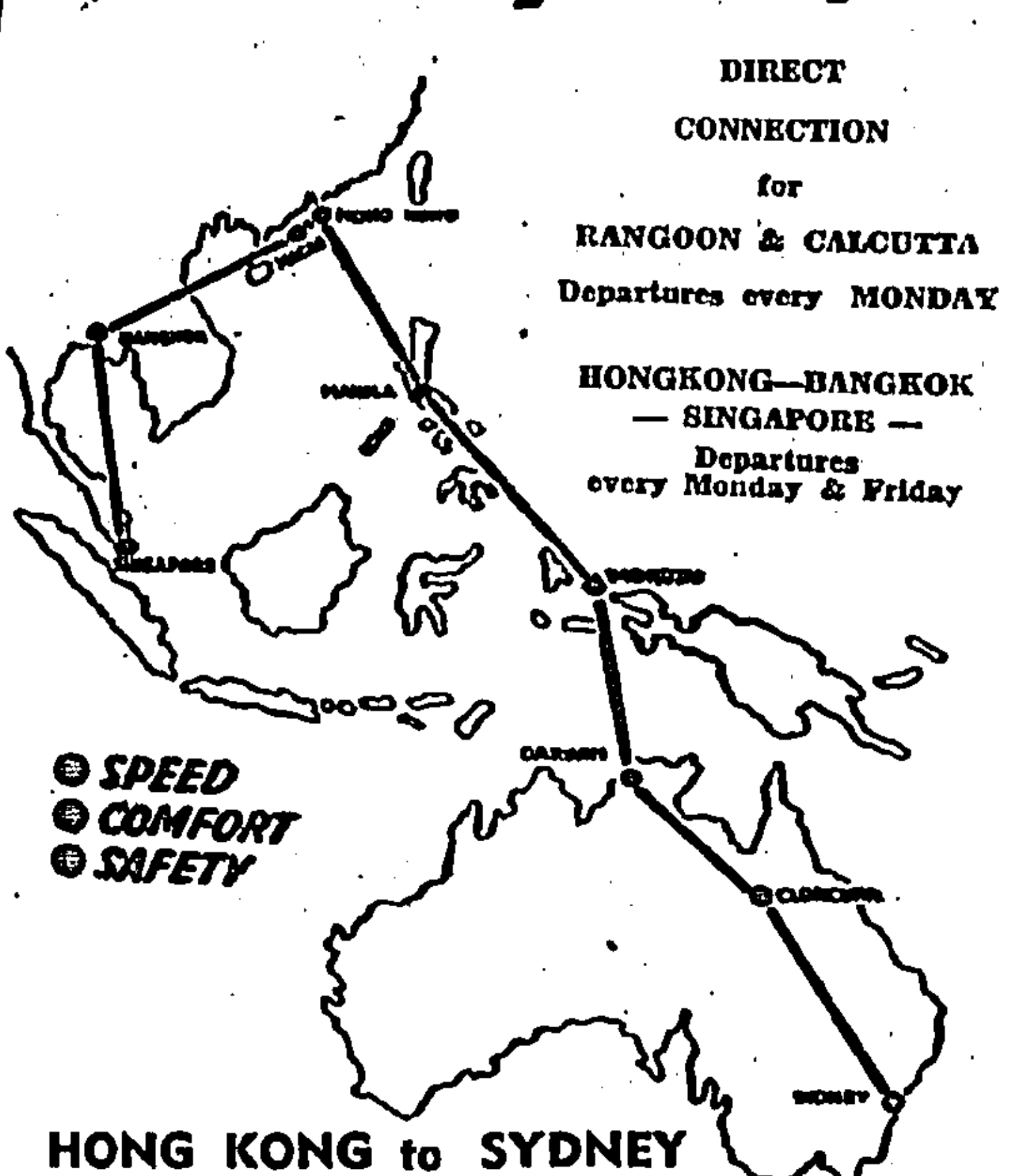
Berne, Dec. 21.
Eight dead and several wounded were brought from the wreckage of a subterranean ammunition depot in the mountain near Station Blausem in the Simplon Line in Berne Oberland which blew up in a tremendous explosion shortly before midnight.

A great gap appeared in the mountainside where the dump was situated.
A railway station was completely destroyed. Six houses in Mitholz village were burned to the ground.

Inhabitants of the village have been evacuated and the whole area cordoned off by the military. Eyewitness accounts said the explosion demolished two thick armoured doors and blew out walls of solid rock.

The military authorities are considerably concerned. This is the second major ammunition explosion since the summer when the big depot in Valais Canton blew up. Neither have yet been explained.—United Press.

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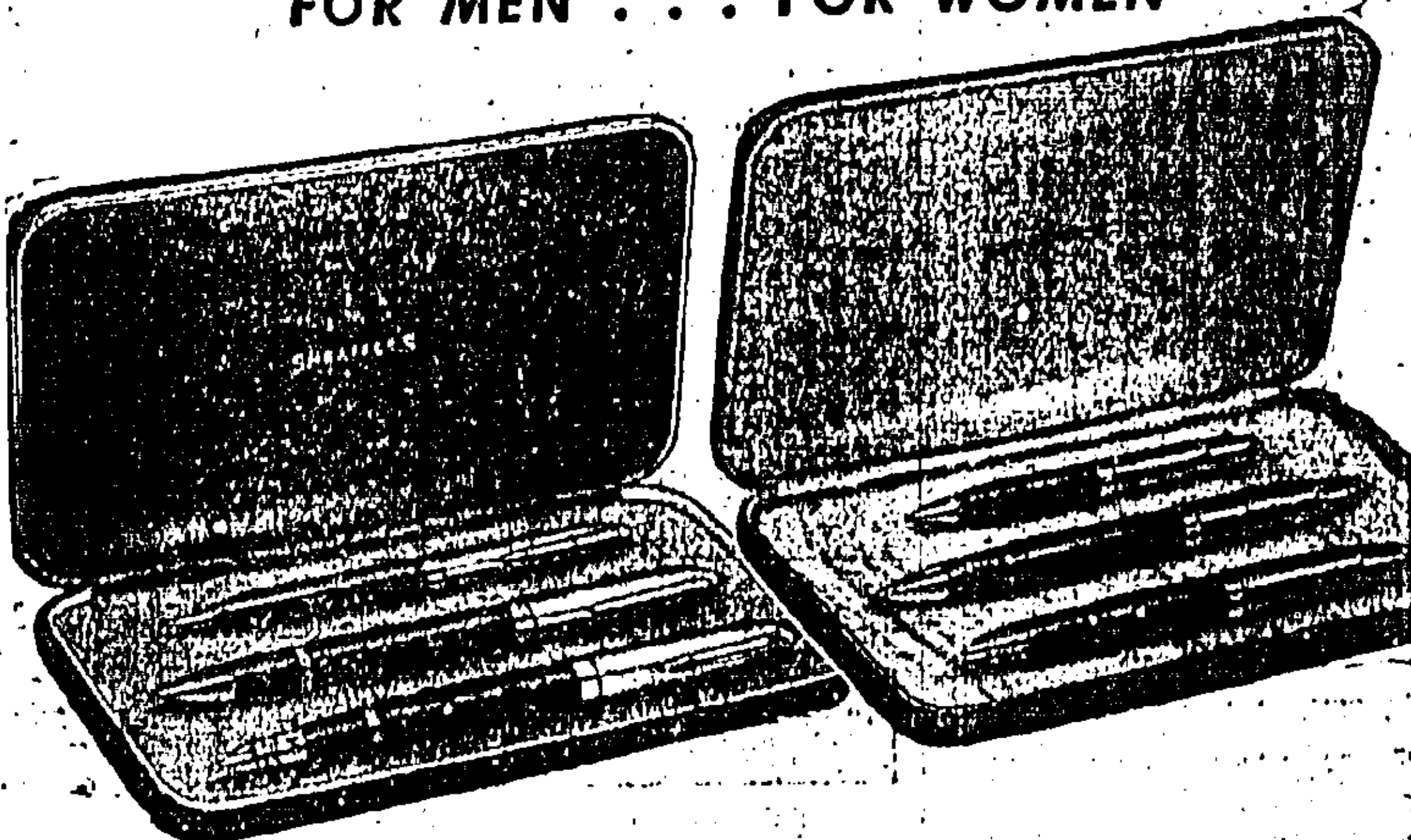
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"When we can no longer speak freely we'll fold up," is the philosophy of Randall Gould, Editor of Shanghai "Evening Post."

The Most Outspoken Critic Of Mismanagement In China

The same voice that thundered against the Japanese in the 1930's is thundering against Chinese mismanagement and corruption today. In a nation where press freedom has been drastically narrowed, the American owned Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury and its old China-hand Editor, Randall Gould, are still having their vigorous and sprightly say on all matters from the China civil war to the foibles of the Editor's cat, Buttercup.

"When we can no longer speak freely we'll fold up," Gould said.

Many foreign correspondents in China have grown extremely critical of the Chiang Kai-shek Government during the years since V-J Day. Their dispatches appear thousands of miles away and only occasionally get back to China.

But Gould and the Post have criticised the Nationalist Government fearlessly and just as vigorously, day after day, right under the nose of Nanking and throughout periods when Chinese papers of the most cautious opposition were being suppressed by garrison commanders.

Blacklisted

C. V. Star is owner of the Post. He frequently visits Shanghai although his headquarters are in New York City. He crossed the paper of his list of assets at the time of Pearl Harbor and today lets the survival or suppression of the Post be a responsibility of the Chinese Government, telling Gould simply to run an honest forthright American organ with due respect for Chinese law. Before the war they both lived in Shanghai and were both publicly blacklisted by the Japanese puppet regime in Nanking for presumed liquidation. They agree that nothing more is likely to equal the perils of a few years back.

At one time Gould was editorially belabouring inept, corrupt Government, a wasteful army, while less than two blocks away, Shanghai Woosung garrison troops were closing down vernacular newspapers that were not quite 100 percent Kuomintang. That was months ago. Today the American voice in China is still sounding off daily, demanding an end to corruption, a fair deal for American and other foreign business, in American loans that are not rightly supervised, that China help herself before seeking help elsewhere, that China ports be reopened to foreign shipping to the same extent American ports are open to foreign shipping, belabouring a Government that spends four-fifths of its budget on probably the

world's most wasteful military organisation and does it by a process of printing rather than collecting the money.

Clean Record

How does Editor Gould and this far-away organ of free U.S. journalism get away with it?

Partly, Gould admits, because it's a voice of America, and Governments, particularly in Asia, hesitate to muffle American editors much as they might disapprove of what they say.

Partly, Gould contends, because the Post has a clean record. The Chinese Government still remembers that Gould and the Post whopped the Japs with every editorial club they had in the '30's in spite of eight

criminations and just plain stupid. He has had plenty to say for the many honest and able Chinese administrators in Nanking and in political subdivisions. Mayor K. C. Wu, who has fought far more honest and efficient operation of Shanghai against odds, which anyone outside of China can scarcely imagine, has had no more vigorous editorial rooting section than Editor Gould and the people at the Post. Gould has been equally quick to champion any Chinese official or act giving promise of leading China out of its present economic and political morass.

Ever since the proposition of saving China by loaning China a lot of U.S. money began gathering momentum at Nanking, (and elsewhere), Gould adopted the highly unpopular counterproposition that an

full of able people, Chinese and foreign, who are simply asking to help in the job if Nanking would give them half a chance.

Gould is no heavy-handed crusader. He is a lifelong believer in editorial pages and thinks they should be written for reading. His weightiest criticism is written with a sprightly touch and an entertaining verve. His readers frequently discover they have been deceived into reading a 1,000-word editorial on some aspect of the world's travail and to have got a handful of laughs out of it.

Gould puts out two solid double-column editorials daily, a fair volume for an eight to 10 page paper, which are frequently read before Page 1. The fare is leavened not only by style of writing, but by humor and whimsy and often a bit of journalistic ventriloquism. The doling and sayings of "Wendy the Office Witch," generally suspected to be Mrs. Gould, who serves as Gould's secretary off-the-cuff advisor, and general editorial right-hand man, have lately been supplanted by the real and imagined thoughts, activities and idiosyncrasies of the editor's cat, Buttercup, which has fair to become a more famous Oriental animal than the giant panda. Gould also employs the editorial quickie to keep the fare light. "Chiang Kai-shek's son has been selected to fight the economic battle in Shanghai. What with, silver bullets?"

Tokyo Quake

The American editor who can stake out a fair claim to being the voice of China since most free Chinese voices have been muffled was born in Excelsior, Minn., in 1893, went to school in Boreman, Mont., and the University of Wisconsin.

Journalistically, Gould started on the Chicago city news bureau, worked throughout the midwest and west and at Honolulu, arriving in Japan in time for the 1923 earthquake. He was news editor of the Japan Times, now Nippon Times, during the quake and got out a hand-set, hand-powered paper for 10 days thereafter until electricity was restored. He held various news jobs in Japan, China and Manila before going to work for the Post-Mercury Co. in 1929. He was on leave in New York in 1941 and so escaped internment but put out a New York edition of the Post-Mercury during the war, which was sought by thousands of Asia residents forced from their homes by war. He went to China's wartime capital of Chungking where he started another edition of the Post-Mercury which closed after the war and moved home to Shanghai. While he was in New York during the war he met the former Dorothy Young, who had worked for firms and individuals with China connections, but who herself had never been in the Orient. They were married in 1942 and Mrs. Gould is still trying to decide whether China lives up to her expectations. Gould has had two books published, "Chungking Today" in 1921 and "China In the Sun", in 1946.

"I still have complete faith in China," Gould declares. "I believe China could move as rapidly toward modernity as did Japan, if she will just draw upon her resources, and people—Chinese and foreign—and get on with it. But she is on the wrong track now. The country isn't made which can spend four times as much money on its Army alone as it takes in through all sources of incomes—and takes up the slack with the printing press." Associated Press.

bombings, in spite of beatings and killings. Editor Gould started carrying a gun and kept right on speaking his mind. The garrison commanders recall that it took a war to stop the Post before, and they aren't really to go to such an extreme.

So Gould and the Post continue with all the freedom and vigour of the opposition daily in Peoria and



RANDALL GOULD

with a stimulating disregard for what has happened to Chinese papers which tried to do the same.

Not Anti-Nanking

Editor Gould is one of two Americans who insist upon assuming that the press in China is free. The other is John Powell, whose China Weekly Review magazine has been no less critical of Nanking. Both have won enormous followings among foreigners and Chinese.

To say that Gould and the Post are flaily anti-Nanking, however, would not be a fair statement. Gould is against those things in the Chinese Government which he considers wrong, unjust, wasteful, dis-

unsupervised loan to China is a dead loss which would probably do more harm than good, and that China can, if China will, help herself.

Strictly Business

"America should help China," says Gould. "But I'm against any loan that's not an ordinary loan would amount to. The peculiar conditions in China are not understood enough in America. Normal methods elsewhere of extending financial help means in China inevitably misappropriation of the money, dissipation of the money, and often detrimental to the conduct of American and other foreign trade."

"We must approach the Chinese as they approach each other and us, on a strictly business basis. With all reasonable safeguards. Most of what we have already sent to China has been wasted—has been worse than wasted, and that goes for loans, UNRRA and war surplus."

"China is not like Europe. She is big and potentially rich, and is in a position to help herself. The rules here applicable for helping. China have been set up in the regulation of the Import-Export Bank and the World Bank. Let China prevent a concrete and comprehensive programme, not a nebulous appeal; let China accept proper controls and— with due regard for her sovereignty—some U.S. supervision. Anything else is charity."

How about a political-military loan? "That," retorts Gould, "is not a loan—it's a gift which probably would be drastically misused to the detriment of the Chinese people. They wouldn't want supervision or advice in its use. Advice is seldom palatable to vested interests in China, and the army is the biggest vested interest in China today."

The Alternative

But what about the war with the Communists? What will happen if there is no loan?

"If the present situation continues there will be more Communist success, further Nationalist disintegration, there may be partition, there may be a return to some form of warlordism. But you aren't going to stop that with a loan."

"The alternative is reform. Give the people more of a break and you'll be surprised how quickly Communism begins to lose its appeal. This situation can be got behind. It isn't hopeless. And this country is

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"LANCASHIRE"	Kure	27th Dec.
"TREVETHOR"	Shanghai	16th Jan.
"EMPIRE BRENT"	Shanghai	26th Jan.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	15th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Feb.



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SHIP	TO	SAILING
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"SANGOLA"	& Rangoon	
	Calcutta via Straits	15th Jan.



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26th Dec.

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Java ports 26th Dec. Macassar &
Samarabaya 5th Jan.

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"STRAAT SOENDA" Due from Sailing for
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South America 24th Feb. 1948.

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Amoy 23rd Dec. 24th Dec.

"HEINRICH JESSEN" Due from Sailing for
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Pangang, Singapore & Amoy 24th Dec.

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"LEOPOLDSKERK" Due from Sailing for
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first week of Jan. 1948. Sailing for
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Colombo/Port Said/
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Antwerp/Rotterdam/
Amsterdam/Hamburg/
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Oslo, beginning of
February 1948.

"ALPHERAT" Due from Sailing for
Europe, first week of Jan. 1948. Europe/
first week of Jan. 1948. Loading for
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From Date Vessel
Pacific Coast 29th Dec. m.v. "MANGALORE"
Atlantic Coast Early Jan. m.v. "ANDAMAN"
via Late Jan. m.v. "DONA AURORA"
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via Late Jan. m.v. "DONA AURORA"
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NOT A GOOD INVESTMENT? American's View Of China And Japan

Economic Talks To Re-Open?

WASHINGTON, DEC. 20. OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE 16-NATION PARIS ECONOMIC CONFERENCE MAY BE RECONVENED EARLY NEXT YEAR TO CONSIDER EUROPE'S PLAN OF ACTION ON THE BASIS OF THE RECOVERY PROGRAMME OUTLINED TO CONGRESS BY PRESIDENT TRUMAN.

They considered that such action would be the most constructive reply which the western democracies could make to the breakdown of the Big Four Council of Ministers discussions on the future of Germany.

Mr. Marshall's statement that further efforts at negotiating peace must await the outcome of the Marshall Plan was interpreted here as meaning that the Council of Foreign Ministers would probably not resume its discussion of the German peace treaty until sometime in 1949, when the first year of operation of the plan should have proved its soundness.

In Congressional circles it was felt that nothing could impress Congress more favourably than reports from Europe that the nations had begun action to break trade barriers and come to agreements over industrial production and the exploitation of electric power resources.—Reuter.

INCREASE IN CAR PRICES
Detroit, Dec. 21. The wholesale prices for America's motor car production this year increased by 63 per cent on last year's figure, the Car Manufacturers Association estimated.

This figure includes the manufacture of trucks, buses and spare parts.—Reuter.

ZURICH EXCHANGE
Zurich, Dec. 20. Zurich on London 17.35, New York 4.30, Paris 1.62, Brussels 2.87, Amsterdam 16.20, Lisbon 16.25, Buenos Aires 197.00, Stockholm 119.63, Madrid 39.75.—Reuter.

CHICAGO WHEAT
Chicago, Dec. 21. Strength in December contracts, in which trading will cease next Monday, featured a general advance in all cereals. Wheat finished three to six higher, December \$3.15 1/2, \$3.16 1/2, May \$3.00-3.01 1/2, July \$2.68 1/2-2.69.

Corn was 1 1/2-3 1/2 higher. Oats were 1 1/2-2 cents higher. Soybeans were 6 1/2-7 cents higher.—Associated Press.

COMMODITY INDEX
New York, Dec. 21. Registering its first Friday to Friday decline in seven weeks, the Associated Press composite of 35 wholesale commodity prices stood on Friday at 206.13 compared to 206.05 a week ago and 169.37 a year ago.

Declines were registered by food, cotton, grains and industrial.—Associated Press.

Six-Point Plan For Economic One-World
Havana, Dec. 21. Luis Molinari, head of the Argentine delegation to the International Trade Conference, today proposed a six-point plan for an "economic one world" as a solution for current international problems.

Asserting that the failure of the London Foreign Ministers conference "brought fire—threat of war—to our door," Molinari urged immediate action in the form of economic and social measures to alleviate the world crisis.

Highlights of the plan:
1. Calling an immediate international monetary conference to deal with the worldwide dollar scarcity;
2. Coordination of the Marshall Plan with a plan to aid the Western Hemisphere;
3. Administration of the entire plan by a "Governing" Board including the United States and Argentina;
4. Because of political considerations, and production restrictions the plan would be limited at present to Western countries but the door would be left open for the subsequent admission of Russia;

5. Fixing of export prices for the same products providing all the other Western countries cooperate similarly;

6. Adoption of immediate economic and social measures aimed at creating an "economic one world."—United Press.

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Conditions Too Unstable

New York, Dec. 21. Neither Japan nor China at present appear to be attractive areas for the investment of American capital, according to James E. Fulham, Vice-President of the International Telephone and Telegraph Corporation.

Fulham, who has recently returned from the Far East, expressed his opinion that "no private firms could reasonably invest many United States dollars in Japan under present circumstances. In fact, stockholders might well be able to enter into a more intelligent investment in Japan than they did at this stage."

"In the case of ITT we want to cooperate all we can in Japan. We want to use our yen balances but we just cannot afford to put more dollars into Japan other than those necessary for us to be there at all."

Same In China
Fulham said that a somewhat similar situation prevails in China, where the Shanghai Telephone Co. urgently needs rehabilitation and expansion estimated to cost \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 in the next two years.

Fulham said, "Conditions are so unstable that we cannot afford to advance such money. The China situation looks pretty bad. It seems to me that China cannot do anything about currency until she is able to balance her budget, and she cannot balance her budget while fighting the Communists."

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek needs guns and ammunition more than money. Sixty million dollars would be just a drop in the bucket and even \$2,000,000,000 or \$3,000,000,000 would not do much good unless the National Government gets military assistance including United States experts. That's apparently what Ambassador William Bullitt has in mind.

"I have heard estimates that the National Government is in such desperate straits that it can't hold out much beyond next March or April without help,"—United Press.

BOMBAY SILVER & GOLD
Bombay, Dec. 20. Silver: Ready, per 100 tolas 168 Rupees, 84 Annas; Forward, per 100 tolas 167, 00; Marwari (unofficial) 168, 06.

Gold: Delivered, per tola 103, 12; Forward, per tola 104, 01; Sovereigns, unquoted.

One tola is equal to 3/16ths of an ounce.—Reuter.

ARGENTINE GOLD
Buenos Aires, Dec. 20. Sovereign, buyers, 64.50, sellers 66.00; U.S. Eagle, 122.00, 124.00; Gold bar, grammes, 6.10b, 6.25b.—Reuter.

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London, Dec. 21. William (Slogger) Williams has broken the world's record for heaving coal.

At the end of his shift at the deep navigation pits at Treherbert, Glamorgan, last night, it was official, he had heaved 50 tons of coal, thereby establishing a record of five shifts of seven and a half hours each.

His tonnage for the week 18 193 tons and, in addition, he cut 50 tons on the previous Friday, making a total of 243 tons for six consecutive shifts.

This is believed to be a record for any British collier and probably for the whole world.

When Williams reached the surface last night, he was chaired by workmen. He received scores of letters congratulating him, including one from Lord Hymley, Chairman of the National Coal Board.

He said: "I'm glad it's all over for now. I intend to have a restful Christmas holiday."—Reuter.

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 "SHENGKING" Shanghai 3 p.m. 24th Dec.
 "PAKHUI" Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya & Macassar D.L. 25th Dec.
 "FOUCHOW" Japan Ports 1 p.m. 26th Dec.
 "SZECHUEN" Swatow, Saigon & Bangkok 3 p.m. 29th Dec.
 "KWEIYANG" Amoy, Swatow, Saigon, Singapore & Penang 5 p.m. 30th Dec.
 "YUEN" Singapore & Penang 4 p.m. 5th Jan.
 "FENGTEI" Japan Ports 4 p.m. 6th Jan 1948.

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 Airmail for Hailow, Airmail for Swatow and Fuchow, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

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 Canton, 7 a.m.
 Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 8 a.m.
 Hailow, Nong
 Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 1 p.m.
 Canton, 2 p.m.
 Japan (ordinary letters and cards only).
 Honolulu, 2 p.m.
 Swatow and Amoy, 3 p.m.
 Hailow and Bangkok, 3 p.m.
 Madras and Bombay, 3 p.m.
 Macao, Tientsin and Shikhi, 4 p.m.
 Kuning, 4 p.m.
 Canton, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 23
 Closing Times By Air
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ARRIVALS FROM
 Dec. 22, Cathay Pacific, 3 p.m.
 Singapore:
 Dec. 22, BOAC (Capt. Black-
 aller) 4.15 p.m.
 Manila:
 Dec. 22, Cathay Pacific noon.
 Shanghai:
 Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.
 Dec. 22, HK Airways (Capt. Verley), 3.30 p.m.
 San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai):
 Dec. 25, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.
 San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila):
 Dec. 27, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

DEPARTURES TO
 Singapore via Bangkok:
 Dec. 22, CPA, 7 a.m.
 Dec. 22, BOAC (Capt. Johnson), 9.30 a.m.
 Bangkok:
 Dec. 27, Pan-American, 2.15 p.m.
 Manila:
 Dec. 22, CPA, 1 p.m.
 Dec. 22, Pan-American, 8 a.m.
 Shanghai:
 Daily, CNAC (DC4) 11.45 a.m.
 Dec. 23, HK Airways (Capt. Rueburn), 10 a.m.
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